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Selectmen Minutes 04-30-2001

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 30, 2001

7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lyons - Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chairman, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd

Also Present: Mr. Farrington, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: April 9, 2001

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Cambridge Savings Bank

Proclamation

The Chairman read the proclamation thanking Cambridge Savings Bank for their history of generosity to the Town. Kathleen Darcy was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the bank.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

For Approval: Traffic Advisory Committee Charge

Mr. Hurd read the charge as presented. Mr. Hurd moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Appointments – Traffic Advisory Committee – terms to expire 4/04

Mr. Hurd gave a brief biography of each candidate. Mr. Hurd moved approval of:

Scott Smith, 39 Amherst Street, representing precincts 1-7

Elisabeth Carr-Jones, 1 Lehigh Street, representing precincts 8-14

Ralph Elwell, 21 Montague Street, representing precincts 15-21

Michael Rademacher, 25 Bellevue Road, as an at-large candidate

Larry Englisher, 6 Lantern Lane, as an at-large candidate

(4-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley complimented Mr. Hurd on the quality of the candidates and thanked him for his work in organizing the committee.

Appointments – Arlington Arts Council

Suzanne McLeod

Diane Connor

(terms to expire 4/04)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

LICENSES & PERMITS

All Alcohol Club License/Change of Manager

David Morgan, Arlington Lodge of Elks, 56 Pond Lane

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to any departmental conditions. (4-0) SO VOTED

Food Vendor License

Savoir Faire Catering Inc., Mindy Arbo, President, 71 Dudley St.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to any departmental conditions. (4-0) SO VOTED

The Board pointed out to Mrs. Arbo that they had recently received correspondence indicating that a person attending an event catered by her business had been pulled over for driving under the influence. The Board asked that Mrs. Arbo please be more cautious in the future.

Secondhand Dealer License Renewals

Lion's Head Antiques, Elinor McDonough, 1339 Massachusetts Avenue

Second Tyme Around, Eleanor Chalmers, 1193A Massachusetts Avenue

Something Extra, Bernice Hamburger, 474 Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to any departmental conditions. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request to Hang Banner on Town Hall on 6/1/01 for Pops 2001

Philharmonic Society of Arlington Concert on 6/8/01

Mr. Greeley moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESSRequest for Overnight Parking – 1450 Mass. Ave.

Justin Bacon and Joanna Carter

This request was withdrawn at the request of the proponents.

Warrant Article Hearing

Article 2 – (May 2nd Special Town Meeting) Deed Restriction/Appropriation/Peirce Field

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the vote as presented. (4-0) SO VOTED

Dr. Carole Allen, Chair of the Board of Health was present to request that the Board write correspondence indicating their opposition to House Bill 3728, an act that would prevent boards of health from promulgating or establishing “any health rule or regulation, unless the legislative body in that city, town or municipality has the first instance voted its approval to establish said rule or regulation...”

Mr. Greeley moved to authorize Town Counsel to send a letter indicating the Board's opposition to the legislation. (4-0) SO VOTED

Kay Donovan, Superintendent of Schools was present with Allan Tosti, Chair of the Finance Committee and John Cole, Chair of the Permanent Town Building Committee. They informed the Board of their concern about the increasing cost of the school renovation projects. The Chairman commented that this subject is clearly one of paramount importance and that they should all meet again in the near future to discuss the matter at length.

Article 46 – Endorsement of CDBG Application – Comment Period

Mr. Hurd recommended funding for the Peirce School Playground at \$150,000. Mr. Lyons commented that the funds would not be taken from Affordable Housing. Mr. Lyons suggested considering funding the playground over a period of two years at \$75,000 per year. The Chairman recommended that the Board request that the Director of Planning report to the Board with a possible funding strategy. The Board restated its commitment to funding the full \$150,000.

Mr. Lyons commented on a request of \$25,000 from the Arlington Housing Authority to explore expansion of Affordable Housing opportunities at Drake Village. Mr. Lyons reported that he would be meeting with the Executive Director relative to the matter to

consider whether the program could be a 50/50 match in funding.

The Board will consider the final application on May 7, 2001.

Mr. Greeley inquired about the funding for the volunteer coordinator submitted by the Council on Aging.

Article 31 – Bylaw Amendment/Mercury Sales Ban

The Chairman requested this matter appear on the next agenda.

For Approval: Request for Payment of Bills

The Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the \$66.47 expenditure. (4-0) SO VOTED

For Approval: Selectmen's Meeting Schedule for remainder of 2001

Mr. Greeley moved approval with the exception of the July and August meeting dates.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Correspondence Received

Jane Martin Parking in the Heights Be Rec'd
RSVP Papers &
Gifts
1310 Mass. Ave.

Philip J. Farrington Acting Personnel Director Be Rec'd
Town Manager

Timothy Murnane Annual Consumer Complaint Form Be Rec'd
AT&T Broadband

Brownie Troop Letter of thanks Be Rec'd
1058
Brackett School

John McEvoy Motor vehicle violation involving DUI Be Rec'd
First Assistant
District Attorney

Al Salipante Approval by Public Memorial Committee of request to Be Rec'd
Chair, Public memorialize late Officer Garrett Cody
Public Memorial
Committee

Michael Gagné State reimbursement for school repair & funding for municipal Be Rec'd
Exec. Admin. sewer system
Dartmouth

Carole Allen, M.D. Proposed legislation, House Bill 3728 Be Rec'd
Chair, Board of Health

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. (4-0) SO VOTED

New Business

Mr. Maher recommended that the Board support a redraft of the vote under Article 28 Bylaw Amendment/Wetlands Protection.

Mr. Greeley moved that the substitute motion redrafted by the conservation commission serve as the primary recommended vote from the Board.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Maher requested a brief executive session with the Board on May 7th.

Mr. Greeley announced his family's move into a new home and congratulated his daughter on her first communion.

Mrs. Mahon congratulated 7 Arlington Cheerleaders who will be participating in a competitive event in Hershey Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hurd requested an executive joint session with the Mugar Advisory Committee. Mr. Hurd also inquired about MediaOne offering a Senior Citizen discount.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn in conjunction with the adjournment of Town Meeting that evening.

(4-0) SO VOTED

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator